WE NEVER LEARN

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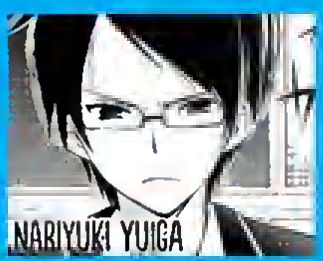
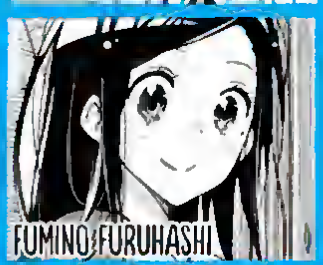
Nariyuki Yuiga is a self-professed super student. He's not naturally gifted in the sciences or arts like his classmates Rizu and Fumino, but he does have pluck and persistence! He's such a good student that he finally realizes his dream of obtaining a scholarship to college, which is a great relief since his family is dirt-poor! But there's a catch...

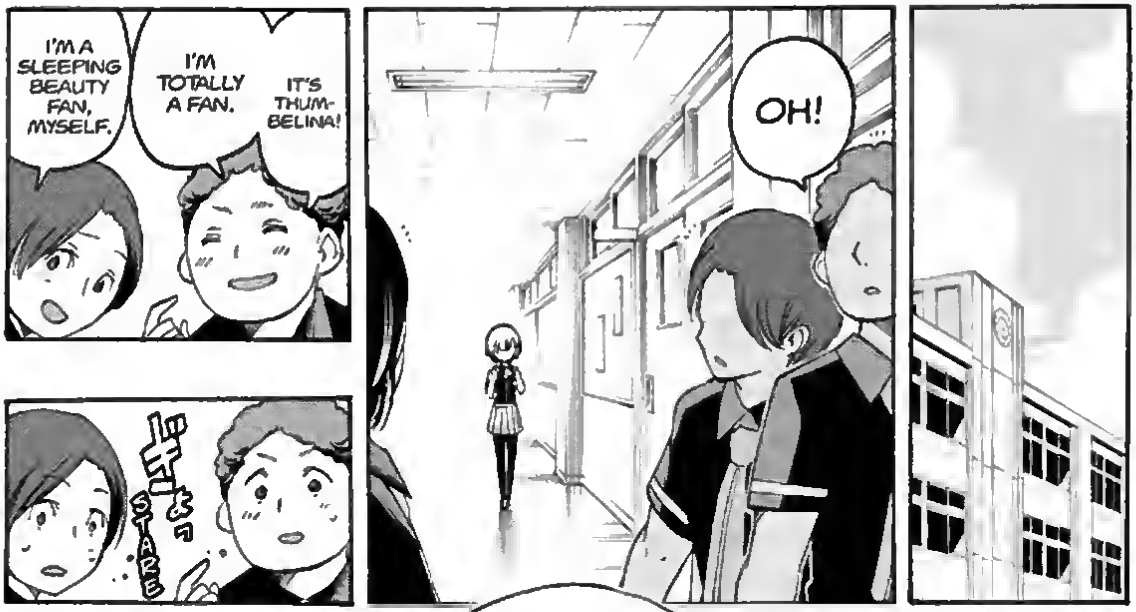
PREVIOUSLY IN *WE NEVER LEARN*:

Nariyuki desperately wants to obtain a college scholarship to improve the quality of his life, especially since his father has died and left the family destitute. And much to Nariyuki's joy and surprise, he finds out from the school principal that he has earned that scholarship, but under one condition... Nariyuki must tutor science whiz Rizu and the literary genius Fumino to help them also get into college, which should be a breeze since they're geniuses. However, he quickly finds the opposite to be true, since Rizu wants to study literature and Fumino science! Making matters worse, those two geniuses suck at everything other than their field of specialty! But that's not all—now he has to tutor super athlete Uruka in English, which presents quite the problem since Uruka hates studying more than anything...





KZUNGH
OGATA UDON
SHAKA SHAKA
SHAKA
I-I'M SO SORRY, RIZU-TAMA.
DADDY JUST WANTED TO GIVE YOU A GOODBYE HUG...
I...didn't mean to!
...
SHAKA
SHAKA
SHAKA
WELL, IT IS WHAT IT IS.
I'D RATHER NOT...
...BUT I'LL HAVE TO USE THE OLD PAIR OF GLASSES I KEEP AS BACKUP.
OH...
AND, DADDY...
YOU'RE BANNED FROM COMING WITHIN THREE METERS OF ME.
WAAAAAAAH!!



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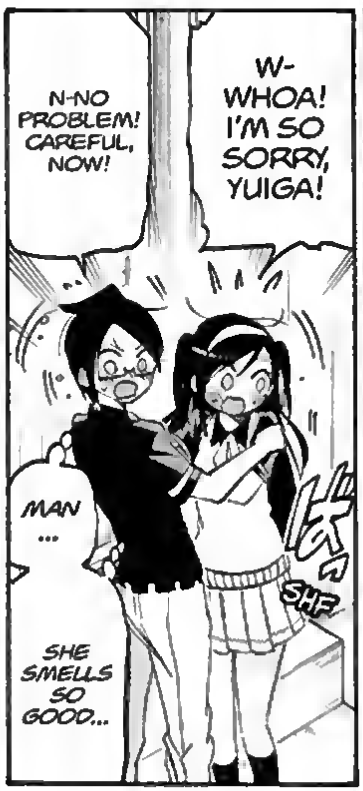
CHIRP CHIRP CHIRP…
LISTEN…
CREATING SPACE ISN'T THE SOLUTION!
OH…
I DIDN'T REALIZE …
GEE… THE FEMALE PSYCHE IS SO CONFUSING…
Skrit Skrit
…
HM… WE'VE DEVELOPED A HABIT OF HAVING A CHAT HERE EVERY DAY.
I hope that's okay–
THANKS AGAIN, FURUHASHI!
OKAY. I'M GOING TO CLASS NOW.
TONK
OH!
WAIT, YUIGA! I'M COMING TOO…

WHAP
WATCH OUT!

IF SOMEONE SAW US LIKE THIS...
THAT WAS CLOSE!


W-WHOA! I'M SO SORRY, YUIGA!
N-NO PROBLEM! CAREFUL, NOW!
MAN...
SHE SMELLS SO GOOD...

BA-DUMP

SHOOP

OH!
HEY, OGATA!
...
GREAT... ONE OF THE TOP TWO PEOPLE I DIDN'T WANT TO SEE THIS!
ZING
DOES OGATA SEEM KINDA GROUCHY TODAY?
Psst...
W-W-WHAT NOW?!
YIKES!! SHE'S REALLY LAYING ON THE SARCASM!
I DIDN'T SEE YOU THERE...
OH... IF IT ISN'T YUIGA AND FUMINO!
SHE SEEMS SUPER FURIOUS!!
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PANIC PANIC
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THE PRESCRIPTION ON THESE OLD GLASSES DOESN'T WORK FOR ME NOW...
...
THIS IS NO GOOD.

BLUR
ぼやぁ...
I HAVE TO REALLY SQUINT HARD...
...TO SEE ANYTHING AT ALL...

FROWN
ぐぐぐ...

OKAY... WAIT... CALM DOWN. NOW...
WE CAN'T BE SURE SHE'S MAD BECAUSE SHE SAW US TOUCHING...

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WHAP

I SHOULD FIND THAT OUT FIRST...
NGH...
ふらふら
WOBBLE
IT'S HARD TO WALK STRAIGHT...
That's right!

W-WHAT'S WRONG, OGATA?!
SHUD
OH... SORRY...

WHAT'S THIS?!
WHA...

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GLARE
EEEK!!
Scary!
OH.
NOTHING.

THAT STEELY GLARE THAT WARNS OFF ALL INTRUDERS!
SHE'S LIKE A MOTHER BIRD PROTECT-ING ITS YOUNG...
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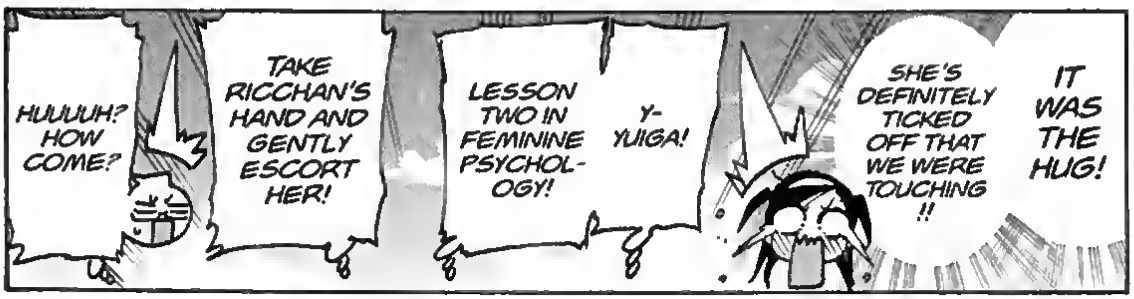
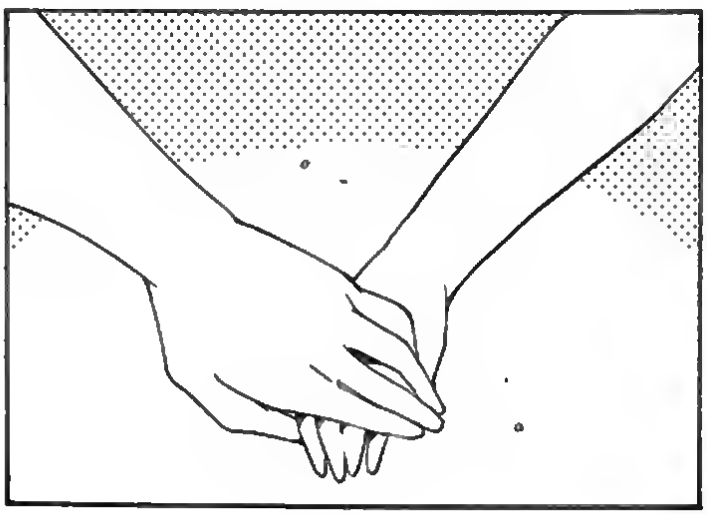
IN OTHER WORDS ...


HUUUUH? HOW COME?
TAKE RICCHAN'S HAND AND GENTLY ESCORT HER!
LESSON TWO IN FEMININE PSYCHOL-OGY!
Y-YUIGA!
SHE'S DEFINITELY TICKED OFF THAT WE WERE TOUCHING !!
IT WAS THE HUG!



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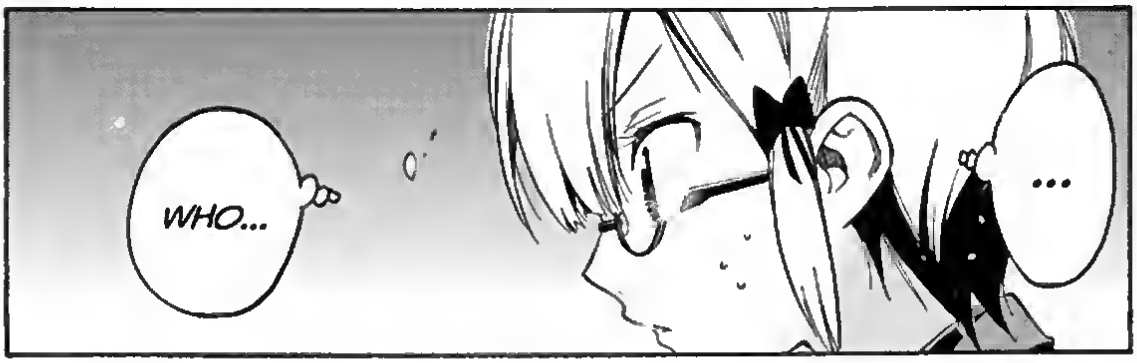
IS THIS REALLY GOING TO IMPROVE HER MOOD?
THIS IS PRETTY EMBARRASSING ...
YES... I THINK SO!
BLUSH
PEST PEST
F...
FURUHASHI...


WHO...
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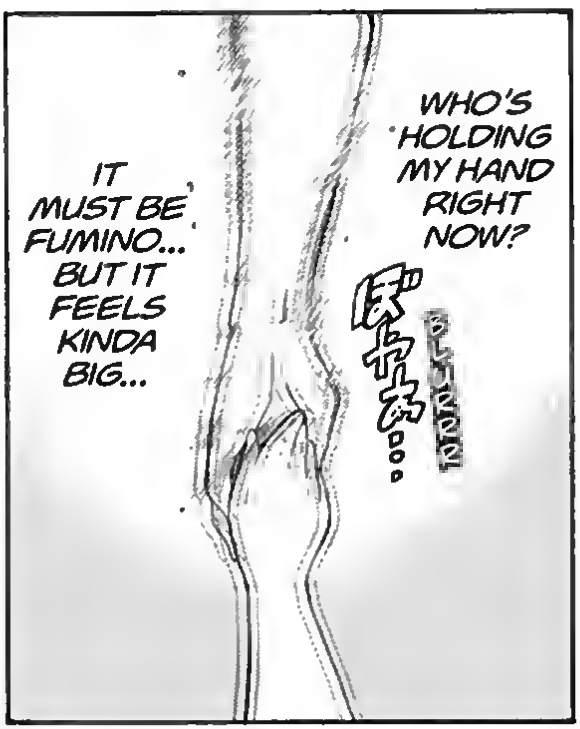
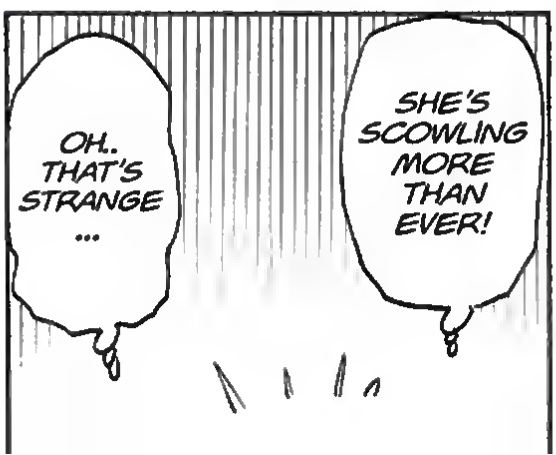
Can't see...
SQUINT SQUINT
SKWEEZ
GLARE


WHO'S HOLDING MY HAND RIGHT NOW?
IT MUST BE FUMINO... BUT IT FEELS KINDA BIG...
BLUSH


OH.. THAT'S STRANGE ...
SHE'S SCOWLING MORE THAN EVER!

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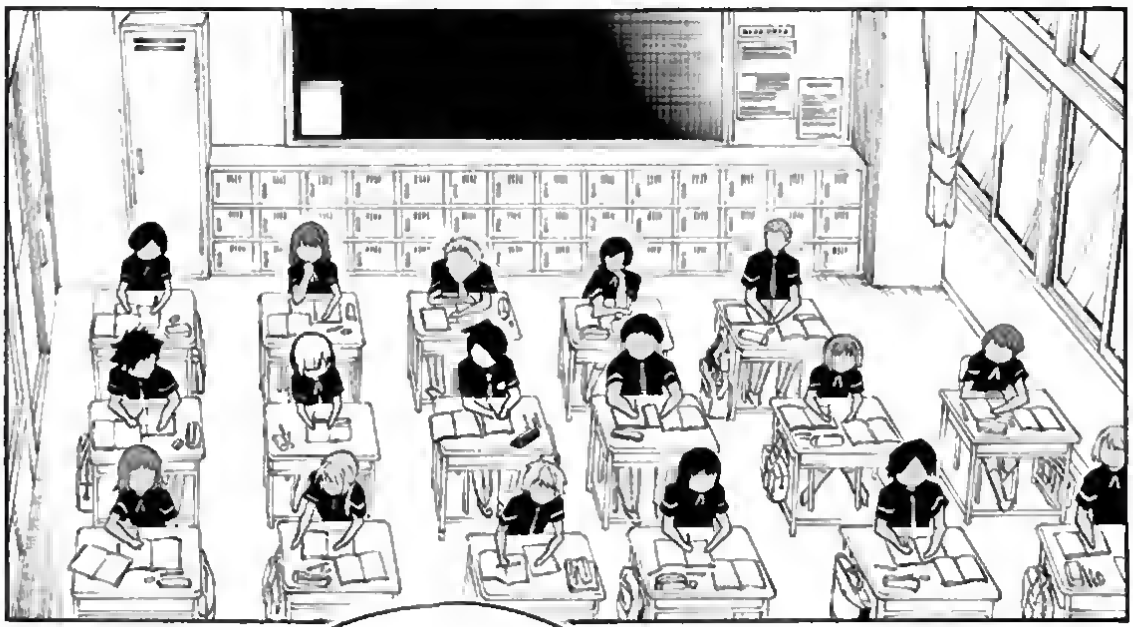
TIIING TOONG
DIIING DOOONG
Y-YIKES!
WE'VE GOTTA HUSTLE!!
CLASS IS STARTING!!
We're late!!



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SCOWL
SQUINT
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SQUINT

YIKES!
ギリ、ギリ
CLENCH
CLENCH
YOWZA!
What's going on?
SHE STILL SEEMS TOTALLY TICKED OFF...
CLENCH CLENCH
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I DON'T GET IT!
WELL, BEST TO LET SLEEPING DOGS LIE...
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CLENCH CLENCH
Oh...

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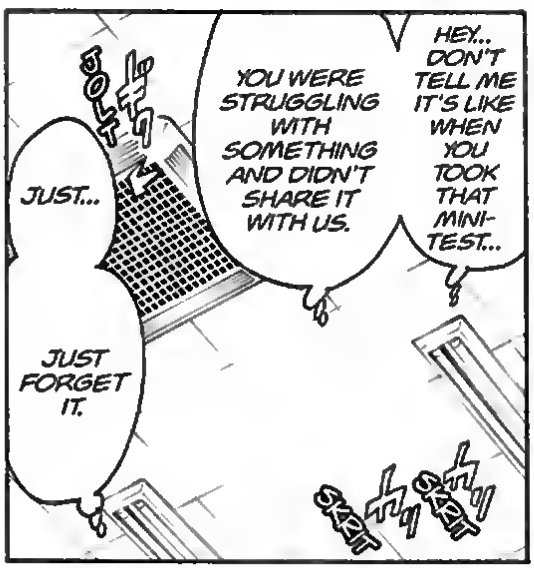
FLAP

YOU CAN'T SEE WITH THOSE GLASSES, CAN YOU?
I finally figured it out.
OGATA...
WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST TELL US?


JUST...
JUST FORGET IT.
YOU WERE STRUGGLING WITH SOMETHING AND DIDN'T SHARE IT WITH US.
HEY... DON'T TELL ME IT'S LIKE WHEN YOU TOOK THAT MINI-TEST...
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SKRT

I DON'T WANT TO BOTHER PEOPLE ABOUT IT.
IT'S MY OWN PROBLEM.

I CAN'T FORGET IT.
WE'RE IN THIS TOGETH-ER
I'm not even sure what happened...
LET ME SUPPORT YOU.
AND...
WE'LL FIGURE OUT HOW TO HELP YOU SCORE BETTER NEXT TIME!
...
CAN I START NOW?
THEN ...
OKAY.
DIING DOONG キーン コーン
TIING TOONG キーン コーン

OKAY ...
WILL YOU...
...TAKE ME TO THE LIBRARY?
ドキッ
BA-DMP
OH...
OH! SHE'S CUTER WITHOUT THE GLASSES!
WOW-ZA!
OH, HEY, THUM-BELINA!
I GUESS PEOPLE PAY MORE ATTENTION TO YOU WITHOUT THEM...
YOUR GLASSES ...
I DON'T NEED THEM NOW.
AND WHEN I WEAR THEM, FOR SOME REASON I SEEM TO SCARE PEOPLE.

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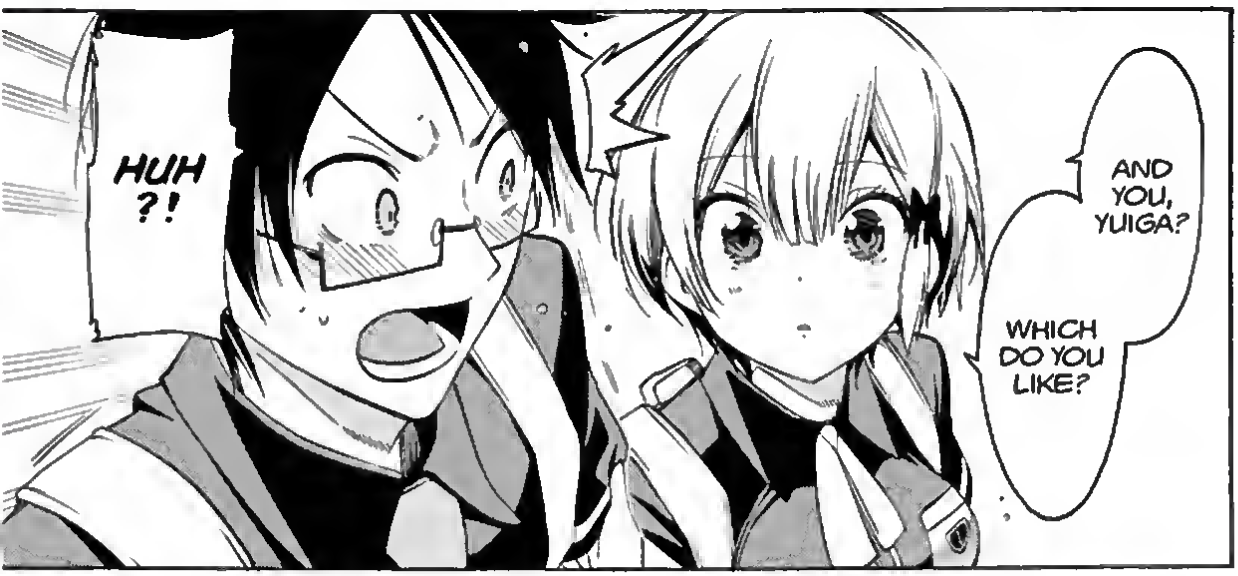
WHY DO THEY PAY MORE ATTENTION TO ME WITHOUT THEM?
HUH?
OH, WELL, YOU KNOW...
MAYBE YOU'RE CUTER WITHOUT THEM...
...OR SOMETHING...


AND YOU, YUIGA?
WHICH DO YOU LIKE?
HUH?!

STARE

...
WITH-OUT... I THINK.
SO, YOU THINK I SHOULD GET CONTACTS?
WELL, I, UH...
I GUESS...
WELL, WHICH IS IT?

未来を照らせ
RICCHAN...
DON'T SPY!
I WONDER IF SHE'S STILL ANGRY...
HOLDING HANDS EARLIER DIDN'T SATISFY HER AT ALL..
ビクビク
TREMBLE TREMBLE
WELL, IN THAT CASE...
...THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO!!
I'M SORRY, YUIGA!
TAK TAK TAK
!
BAM
?!

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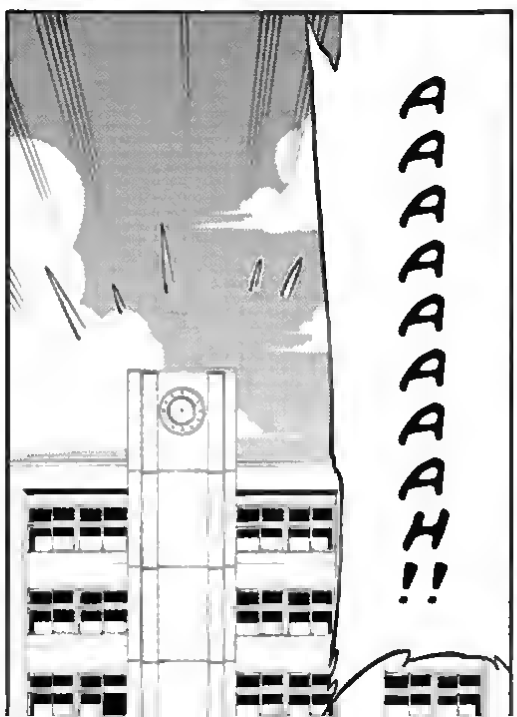
BA-DMP
Y...
ドッ
BA-DMP
WHOA!
...LOGIC DICTATES THAT ONLY A SIMILAR EMBRACE WILL FIX HER MOOD!!
IF RICCHAN IS MAD BECAUSE OF THAT EMBRACE...
FORGIVE ME, YUIGA!
...!
OH!
AND, RIC-CHAN...
GIVE HER A STRONG, WARM EMBRACE!
...I HOPE THIS MAKES US EVEN!

SMOOSH

HUH ?!
BOING

AH...


AAAAAAAH!!

SO...
...YOU WEREN'T ANGRY?
PERVERT
WAR CRIMINAL
PLIP PLIP
YOUR GLASSES?
HUH?
UNTIL A MOMENT AGO...
NO. NOT AT ALL.
HUH?!
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?
I...I... NEVER MIND THAT!!
I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU WERE TRYING TO DO.
WAAAAAH! I'M SO SORRY!!
BOOSH
RICCHAN... YOU'RE SCARING ME!
...WAS WAITING FOR HER STUDY BUDDIES.
GEE, WHERE IS EVERY-ONE?
Huh?
? ?
MEAN-WHILE, URUKA TAKE-MOTO...